MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has inspected the place?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: No.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the length of the channel?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: Sir, I claim notice.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know what he means by saying that "The level of the thodu is lower than that of the adjoining paddy fields in most places"?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: Sir, it is the report which I have received from the Executive Engineer. Of course, in some places it may be a little higher. For the purpose of deepening the thodu it should be of uniform level.

Economic depression and unemployment.

238. *MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is wide-spread suffering and starvation in the State as a result of the acute economic depression and unemployment prevalent;

(*b*) whether they are taking any measures to minimise the sufferings of the people; and

(*c*) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, the measures taken so far?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) In some places there is distress.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Arrangements are in progress for taking measures to expand the existing markets and also to find fresh markets for coir goods. It has been proposed to take up for execution some public works to provide work for the unemployed at Alleppey where the situation is acute. Doles of rice are also being distributed to the unemployed labourers.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Sir, may I know whether the suffering is not greater in places south of Alleppey than in Alleppey itself?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No, Sir, it is more acute in Alleppey.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the number of men and women out of employment is not less in Alleppey than in those places?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I claim notice. We have no figures for the number of men, women and children who are rendered unemployed.

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether relief measures are proposed to be given in Quilon also?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Sir, may I know whether the members representing Quilon and Chirayinkil will be consulted about the distribution of the relief measures to the labourers?

MR C. KUMARA DAS: That is a matter to be decided later on.

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MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulm* cum *Vilavancode*) : തെക്കൻ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലുള്ള ഞ്ചസ്പിൻവാഠം മുതലായ ചില സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളിൽ ജോലി ചെയ്യുന്ന ആയിരക്കണക്കിന് ഉള്ള തൊഴിലാളികളും, തേങ്ങാപട്ടണം പൂവാർ മുതലായ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലെ ഇരുമ്പു വ്യവസായികളും തൊഴിലില്ലാതെ കഷ്ടപ്പെടുന്നതിനാൽ അവരെക്കൂടി ഈ സ്കീമിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്താൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : That is again a matter for future action.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether the Government are aware that among the people in the coastal region engaged in coir industry, there is great distress and even starvation ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : Yes, Sir, there is distress.

Recruitment in the Anchal Department.

239. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any examination was conducted by the Anchal Department or the Public Service Commissioner for making recruitments to the Anchal Department, during the years 1114 and 1115 ;

(*b*) if so, the date on which it was conducted :

(*c*) if such an examination was held, whether it was held by the Anchal Department or the Public Service Commissioner ;

(*d*) if recruitments were made by means of such an examination whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a statement giving the following particulars,

(1) the number of persons recruited,

(2) their names,

(3) their caste,

(4) the respective taluks to which they belong, and

(5) the examination qualification possessed by each of them, and

(*e*) the number among the persons so recruited who are now employed in the Anchal Department, their respective posts and the pay given to each of them ?

MR. V. R. SANKARANARAYANA PILLAI : (*a*) No.

(*b*) (*c*) (*d*) and (*e*). In view of the answer to part (*a*) these questions do not arise.

Statement, by caste, of persons in the Anchal Department.

240. *MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of persons now in service in the Anchal Department who were appointed on the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner ?

MR. V. R. SANKARANARAYANA PILLAI : The *statement is laid on the table.

* *Vide* Appendix III. page 823.

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